



Suspicious Activity Reporting Analysis

Training and Technical Assistance for Fusion Center Analysts

Significant progress has been made by the National Network of Fusion Centers to enhance its ability to execute Critical Operational Capability (COC) 2: Analyze. The incorporation of suspicious activity reporting (SAR) into fusion center analytic processes is a priority focus that will support achievement of the COCs. To accelerate the incorporation of SAR within fusion center analytic processes, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) Program Management Office (PMO) are supporting delivery of the following services for analysts.

Suspicious Activity Reporting: The Analytic Role

This foundational course provides an overview of the NSI to ensure that analysts are able to recognize terrorism-related pre-incident indicators and fully understand the evaluation process used to determine whether identified behavior meets the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)-SAR Functional Standard criteria, in accordance with privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections. This course also reviews the technical processes and procedures for submitting a SAR into the ISE-SAR Shared Space and provides an overview of the NSI Federated Search. The training is delivered in an 8-hour workshop format.

Suspicious Activity Reporting Analysis Course

Once analysts are proficient on the ISE-SAR Functional Standard and familiar with the ISE-SAR Shared Space and NSI Federated Search, they can formally analyze SAR to inform fusion center analytic efforts and products. This course will provide instruction on various methods and approaches to analyzing SAR as part of overall fusion center analytic processes. Specifically, the course will instruct participants in the methods for evaluating SAR; conducting structured inquiry focused on SAR trends, relationships, and patterns; and incorporating SAR analysis into fusion center product development. The training is delivered in a 16-hour workshop format.

NSI Search Tool Technical Assistance

The NSI Search Tool technical assistance is available to assist fusion center personnel in searching shared information and using the additional functionality of the system in furtherance of their analytical work. The service is approximately four hours and demonstrates how users can access the NSI Federated Search Tool via Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) and/or Law Enforcement Online (LEO) and use the NSI Federated Search Tool. The service provides a live, hands-on, thorough overview of the two primary search methods: the Single Line Search and the Advanced Search. The service also includes an overview of the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT®) Database Search and the User Toolbar and provides hands-on practice for analysts to display search results in a geospatial format using the Map It/Link It tool. In addition to searching and mapping the data, analysts will also learn how to save queries, set alert notifications, and locate contact information.

This technical assistance is available in conjunction with the SAR Analysis course or as a separate stand-alone offering.

For More Information

To support the implementation of the NSI, the NSI PMO has created a Web site that includes resources, frontline officer training, and other items of interest related to the NSI. The Web site is available at <http://nsi.ncirc.gov>.

Suspicious Activity Reporting: The Analytic Role

- ISE-SAR Functional Standard
- Protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties
- Submitting SAR
- NSI Federated Search



Suspicious Activity Reporting Analysis Course

- Methods and approaches for SAR analysis
- Evaluating SAR
- Analysis of SAR trends, relationships, and patterns
- Incorporating SAR analysis into products